

Hutchinson Police Department 2025 Annual Report



Sworn to Protect, Proud to Serve

To facilitate public protection from crime and provide services that enhance the safety and quality of life and the community.

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Message from the Chief

To the Hutchinson City Council and the Citizens of Hutchinson,

It is my honor to present the **2025 Year-End Report** for the Hutchinson Police Department.

Throughout 2025, the dedicated men and women of our department remained committed to our mission and to the community we proudly serve. Guided by our core values and our enduring commitment — **“Sworn to Protect, Proud to Serve”** — we continue to work each day to safeguard the residents, businesses, and visitors of our city.

This past year brought continued growth, strengthened partnerships, and a focused effort on community engagement and officer wellness. Our officers and support staff demonstrated professionalism, integrity, and compassion in every aspect of their duties. Whether responding to emergencies, engaging in proactive enforcement, or participating in community outreach, our team consistently upheld the high standards expected of our department.

In addition, we have been actively exploring and evaluating emerging technologies to enhance our effectiveness, transparency, and service delivery. From improvements in training platforms to upgraded equipment and digital tools that support officer safety and investigative efficiency, we are committed to responsibly implementing solutions that improve response times, strengthen accountability, and better serve our community.

Our department remains fully committed to transparency, accountability, and building trust with all residents of Hutchinson. None of the progress we have made would be possible without the continued support of our community, City Council, and partner agencies. Your feedback, engagement, and confidence inspire us to do our very best every day.

As we look ahead to 2026, we remain focused on strengthening community relationships, investing in our personnel, embracing responsible technological advancements, and upholding our promise — **Sworn to Protect, Proud to Serve.**

Thank you for the privilege of serving you.

Respectfully,

Thomas D. Gifferson
Chief of Police
Hutchinson Police Department
City of Hutchinson, Minnesota

About the Department

Department Staff – As of December 31st, 2025

23 Sworn Officers

10 Civilian Staff

1 Police Chief

1 Child Protection Officer

2 Police Administrative Specialists

1 Lieutenant

1 School Liaison Officer

1 Evidence Technician

4 Patrol Sergeants

1 Drug Task Force Agent

1 Lead Police Administrative Specialist

1 Investigative Sergeant

1 Full-time Community Service Officer

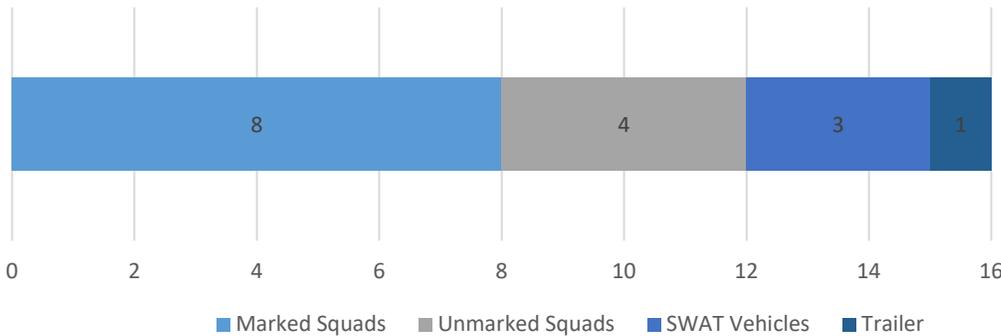
1 Police Data Release Coordinator

12 Patrol Officers

4 Part-time Community Service Officer

1 General Investigator

Fleet – As of December 31st, 2025



2025 Crime Statistics

Group A Offenses

- Animal Cruelty
- Arson
- Assault
 - Aggravated Assault
 - Simple Assault
 - Intimidation
- Bribery
- Burglary/Breaking and Entering
- Commerce Violations
 - Import Violations
 - Export Violations
 - Federal Liquor Violations
 - Federal Tobacco Violations
 - Wildlife Trafficking
- Counterfeiting/Forgery
- Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
- Drug/Narcotic Offenses
 - Drug/Narcotic Violations
 - Drug/Narcotic Equipment Violations
- Embezzlement
- Espionage
- Extortion/Blackmail
- Fraud Offenses
 - False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Games
 - Credit Card/Automated Teller Machine Fraud
 - Hacking/Computer Invasion
 - Impersonation
 - Identity Theft
 - Money Laundering
 - Welfare Fraud
 - Wire Fraud
- Gambling Offenses
 - Betting/Wagering
 - Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling
 - Gambling Equipment Violations
 - Sports Tampering
- Homicide Offenses
 - Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter
 - Negligent Manslaughter
 - Justifiable Homicide
- Human Trafficking
 - Commercial Sex Acts
 - Involuntary Servitude

The Hutchinson Police Department reports crime data to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) with **National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)**. NIBRS is used by law enforcement agencies in the United States for collecting and reporting data on crimes. The BCA then reports all NIBRS statistics to the FBI. Local, state and federal agencies generate NIBRS data from their records management systems. In Group A Offenses there are 28 crime categories with 71 offenses. Data is collected on every incident and arrest in this group. In Group B

Offenses, there are 10 offenses with only the arrest information reported in this group.

Key Benefits of NIBRS –

- 1.) Detailed, high-quality data that provides a more complete and accurate picture of crime.
- 2.) Additional context to understand victimization and offending.
- 3.) Standardized data to compare crime across jurisdictions.
- 4.) Can be used for tactical or strategic analysis at the local, state, and national levels.

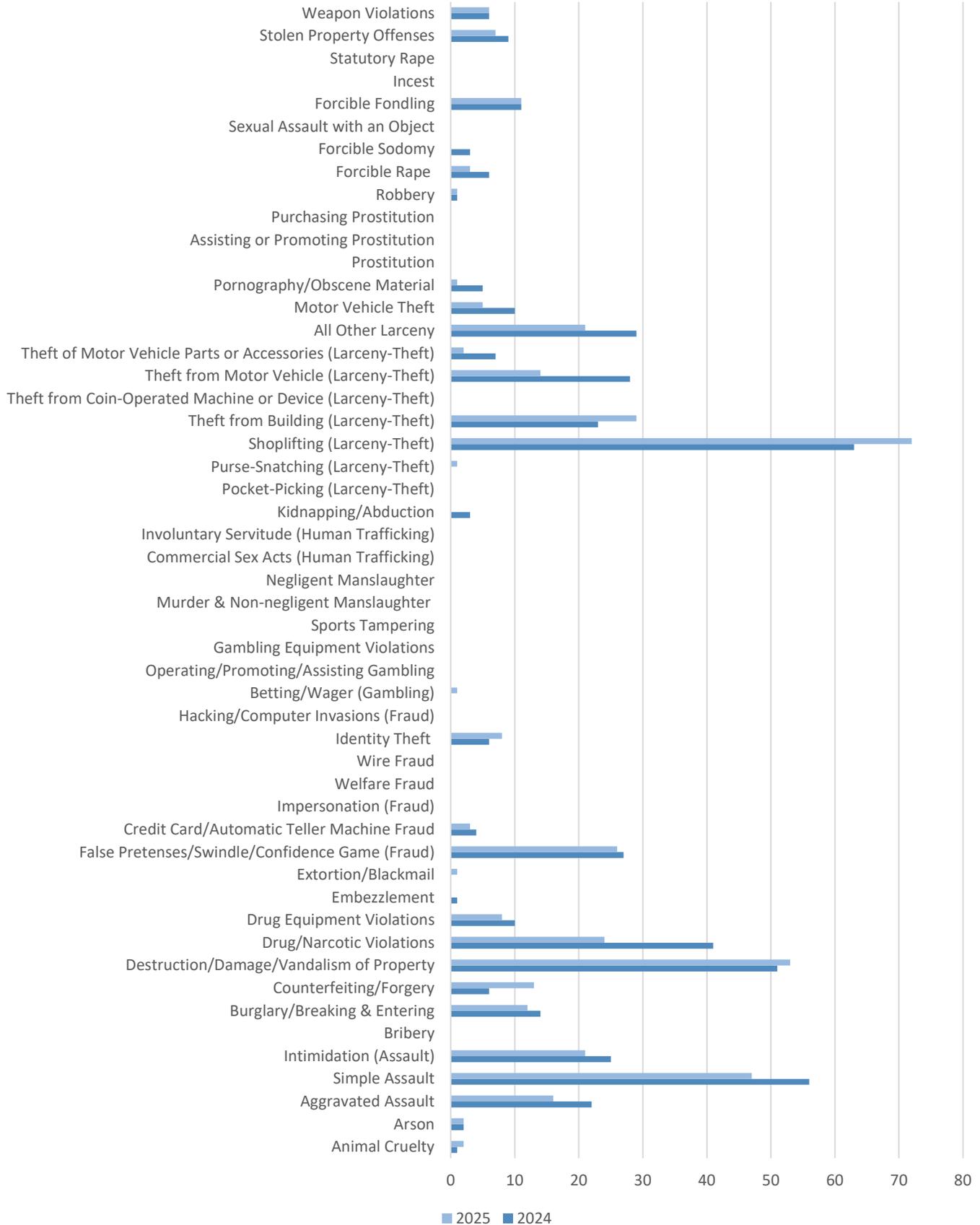
- Immigration Violations
 - Illegal Entry into the US
 - False Citizenship
 - Smuggling Aliens
 - Re-Entry after Deportation
- Kidnapping/Abduction
- Larceny/Theft Offenses
 - Pocket Picking
 - Purse Snatching
 - Shoplifting
 - Theft from Building
 - Theft from Coin-Operated Machine or Device
 - Theft from Motor Vehicle
 - Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories
 - All Other Larceny
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Pornography/Obscene Material
- Prostitution Offenses
 - Prostitution
 - Assisting or Promoting Prostitution
 - Purchasing Prostitution
- Robbery
- Sex Offenses
 - Rape
 - Sodomy
 - Sexual Assault with An Object
 - Criminal Sexual Contact
 - Statutory Rape
 - Failure to Register as Sex Offender
- Stolen Property
- Weapon Law Violations
 - Violation of National Firearm Act of 1934
 - Weapons of Mass Destructions
 - Explosives

Group B Offenses

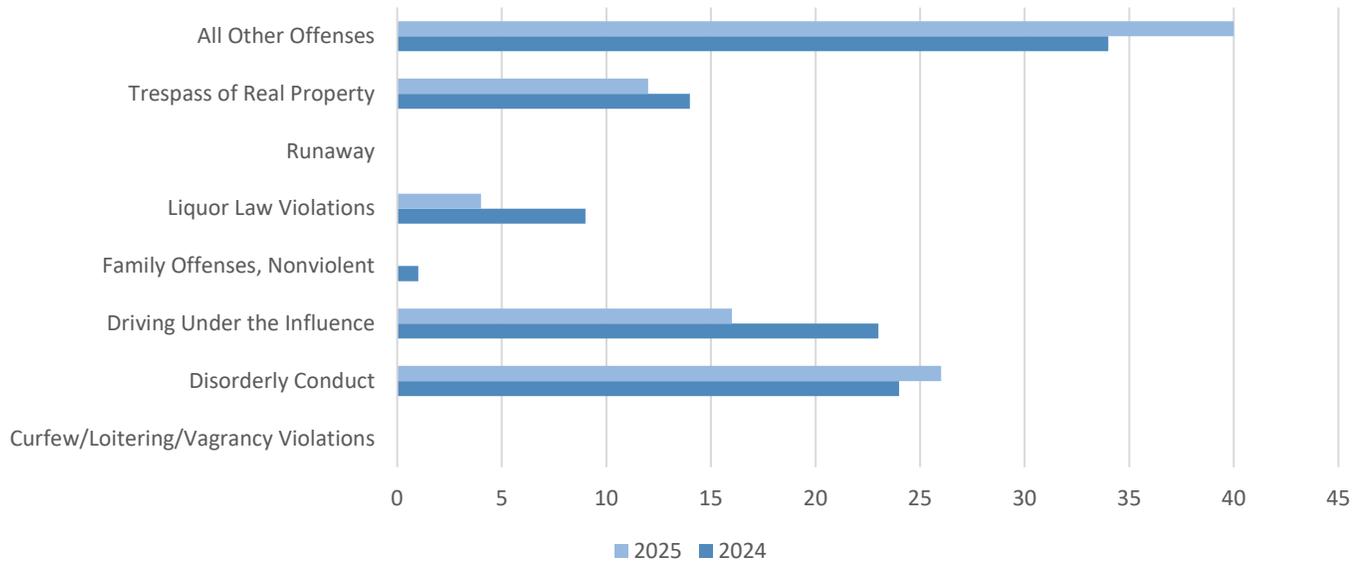
- Bond Default
- Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations
- Disorderly Conduct
- Driving Under the Influence
- Drunkenness (Decommissioned January 2022)
- Family Offenses, Nonviolent
- Federal Resource Violations
- Liquor Law Violations
- Perjury
- Trespass on Real Property
- All Other Offenses

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Group A Offenses



Group B Offenses by Arrest



Patrol

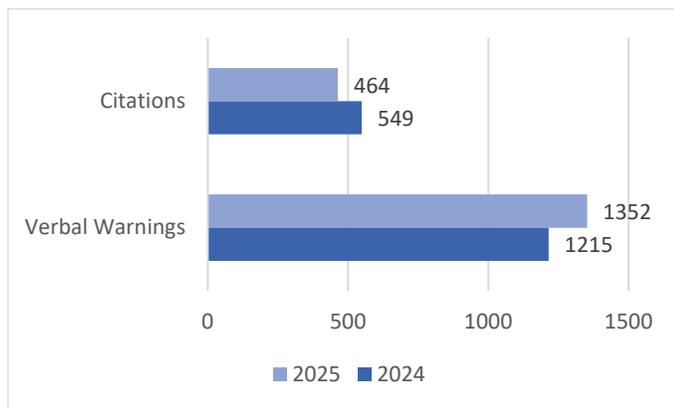
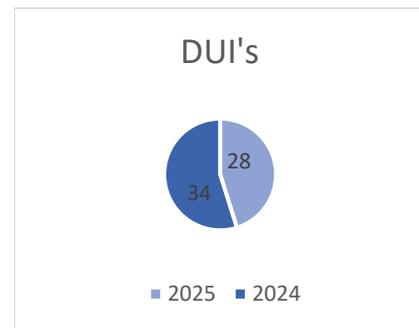
The patrol division of the Hutchinson Police Department is the face of the department. Many community members only ever have contact with a patrol officer, making their impact crucial to the integrity of the department.

Our patrol officers interact with community members when they respond to calls for service, take reports on incidents that have occurred, patrol neighborhoods, enforce traffic laws, and engage at community events. Our patrol officers also conduct criminal investigations by interviewing victims and suspects, reviewing video surveillance, and collecting evidence.

Our patrol officers are very well trained in many areas, including DWI detection and enforcement, mental health crisis, first aid and CPR. They also work closely with businesses on shoplifting and fraud incidents.

The department has twelve full-time officers and two part-time officers assigned to the patrol division. This area is led by four patrol sergeants.

During the year 2025, officers arrested 28 people for DUI's. This was 6 less than the previous year. These DUI's are not all alcohol related, some are the result of drugs. The Hutchinson Police Department forfeited 4 motor vehicles. The 4 vehicles forfeited were from DWI/controlled substances related crimes and fleeing offenses.



In 2025, officers initiated 1760 traffic stops.

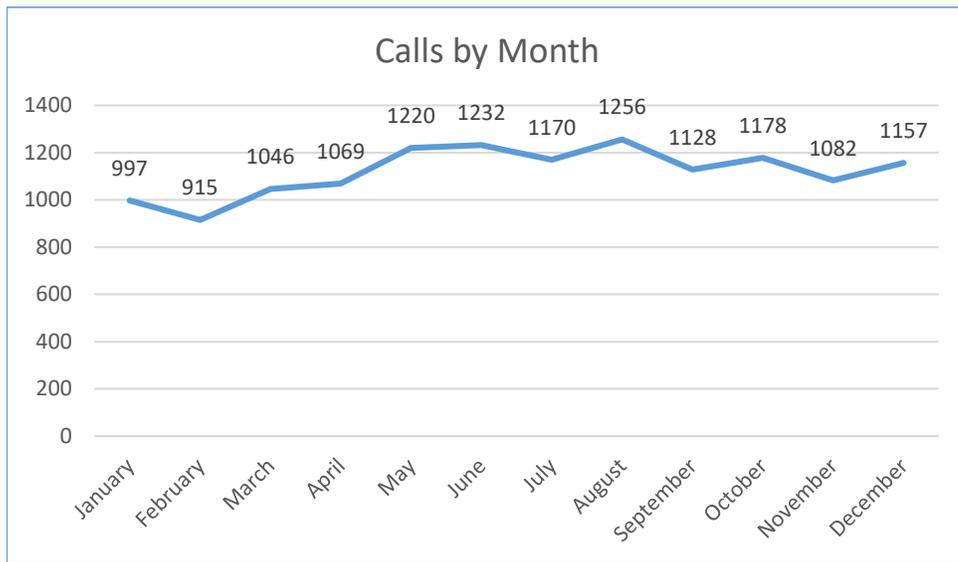
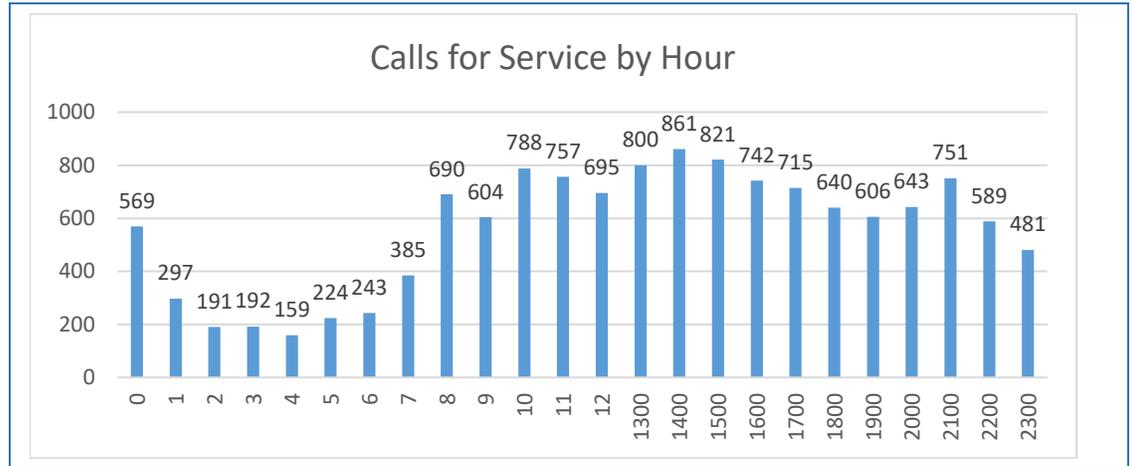
There were slightly less citations issued in 2025 and 137 more verbal warnings issued in 2025 than 2024. It is important to note that not all citations and verbal warnings issued are from traffic stops.

In 2025, officers responded to 381 crashes. 116 of those crashes were minor and didn't require officers to write a state crash report. There were 199 property damage crashes, 13 personal injury crashes and 2 fatal crashes. Of the 381 crashes, 46 of them were hit and runs.

2025 CRASHES	
Property Damage Crashes	199
Personal Injury Crashes	18
Hit and Run Crashes	46

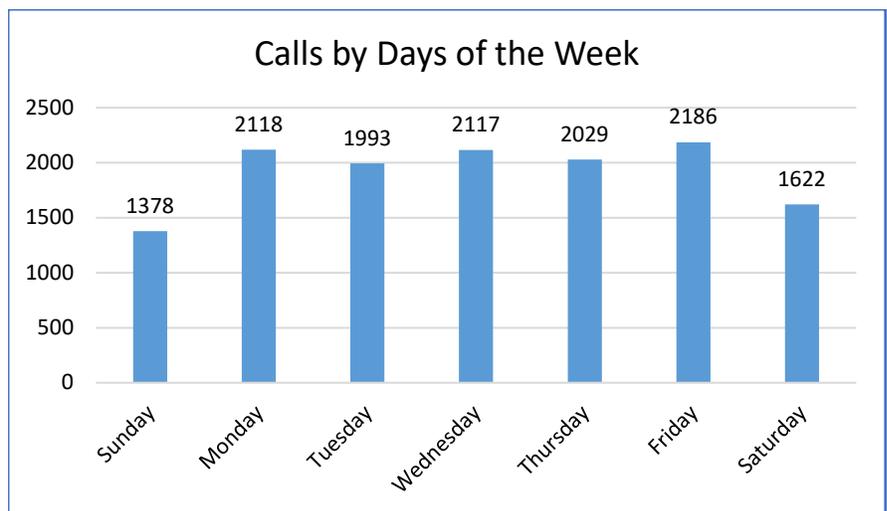
Statistical Information

The Hutchinson Police Department responds to calls-for-service twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week. The busiest time frames for the officers in 2025 were 10am and 4pm.



2025 started out below average and slowly increased in spring until fall. February was the lowest month for calls-for-service while August was the highest month.

Friday was the busiest day of the week for calls for service for the Hutchinson Police Department in 2025. Monday through Friday were all very similar for calls. Sunday was slowest day of the week with 1378 calls for service.



Training

Each year the staff of the Hutchinson Police Department participate in various trainings. These trainings allow staff to stay updated on all current policies, information, and technology within law enforcement. The Minnesota Board of Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) requires officers to complete forty-eight hours of continuing education every three years to renew their POST license.

Emergency Vehicle Operations and Police Pursuits (EVOC)

Officers shall demonstrate the knowledge and skill needed to reduce criminal and civil liability when involved in emergency and non-emergency vehicle operations mode. This training must be designed to give officers both skill and decision-making ability so that emergency vehicle operations can be resolved safely and successfully. This will be accomplished with a minimum of eight hours of training, which will include a minimum of four hours of in-vehicle operation. Simulators may be used in addition to in-vehicle and classroom training but will not be used to replace the minimum four hours of in-vehicle training. It is recommended that simulator training be used for decision-making training.

Field Training

The field training process is a 16-week, 640-hour requirement for all new Hutchinson Police Department officer hires. New officers must show progression in job performance and complete all four phases to pass the field training process and become an independent officer.

Patrol Online (PATROL)

To help cities reduce losses related to police liability, LMCIT has developed PATROL—Peace Officer Accredited Training Online. While PATROL delivers twelve new POST-accredited courses per year, subscribers can earn more than forty POST credits per year when they also take PATROL training on POST mandates for **Use of Force and Crisis Intervention and Mental Illness Crisis; Conflict Management and Mediation; Implicit Bias, and Community Diversity and Cultural Differences**. PATROL helps officers stay current on Minnesota legal issues and is based on Minnesota case law. Content is developed with input from police liability experts, insurance defense attorneys, and local law enforcement agencies. Each month, a new course is available for one POST credit.

Additional Training for 2025:

Patrol Online Courses: Use of Force Part 1-4

- Serving Those with Autism Spectrum Disorder 1-4
- Narcan Carry and Use
- Immigration Law Basics for MN Officers
- Transport Holds
- Mental Health Part 1-3
- Officer Safety Searches
- Consent Searches
- Vehicle Searches
- Policing Protests
- Wellness & Emotional Resilience 1-2
- Trust – Part 1: Inside the Agency

Conferences:

- Executive Training Institute Conference (Chief's Conference)
- MSANI CANAM Spring Conference (SWMDTF)
- SOTA Training Conference

Other Trainings:

- Pepperball Initial & Qualification
- Firearms: Inclement Weather
- Firearms: Low Light
- Firearms: Qualifications (x2)
- Defensive Tactics / Use of Force
- Lucas 3
- DMT-G Certification & Recertification
- LE Emergency Vehicle Operations Refresher
- 2025 Legislative & Case Law Updates
- EMS Refresher
- Taser Annual Operator Update
- Evidence Collection: DNA
- BCA Single Certification
- Understanding Mental Warfare
- Alerts: Crime, Missing & Endangered
- Maxims & Truths in Supervision
- MN CIT 16-hour Interactive Role Play
- Active Threat / Critical Incident Patrol Response Practical Training
- Criminal Interdiction Training
- Female Arrest and Control Tactics
- Axon Academy – Taser Instructor
- Basic School Resource Officer Training
- Advanced Vehicle Contraband Concealment
- MN ICAC Basic Investigations
- Car Seat Basics for Law Enforcement
- SWAT Team Leader Development
- GLOCK Armorer's Course
- Police Response to Active Shooter Instructor

Investigations

The Hutchinson Police Department Investigations units are comprised of five licensed officers and one Evidence Technician. This unit is supervised by a Sergeant. The four officer positions within the investigation's unit are the School Resource Officer, Drug Task Force Officer, Juvenile/Child Protection Officer, and General Investigator. All these positions are rotating assignments which allow all officers to gain valuable investigative experience.



The Investigations unit offers valuable support to the patrol officers by following up on investigations that require more time than the patrol officers can give to an incident. The investigations unit is able to spend more time gathering information from witnesses, suspects, and the courts to help solve the crime.

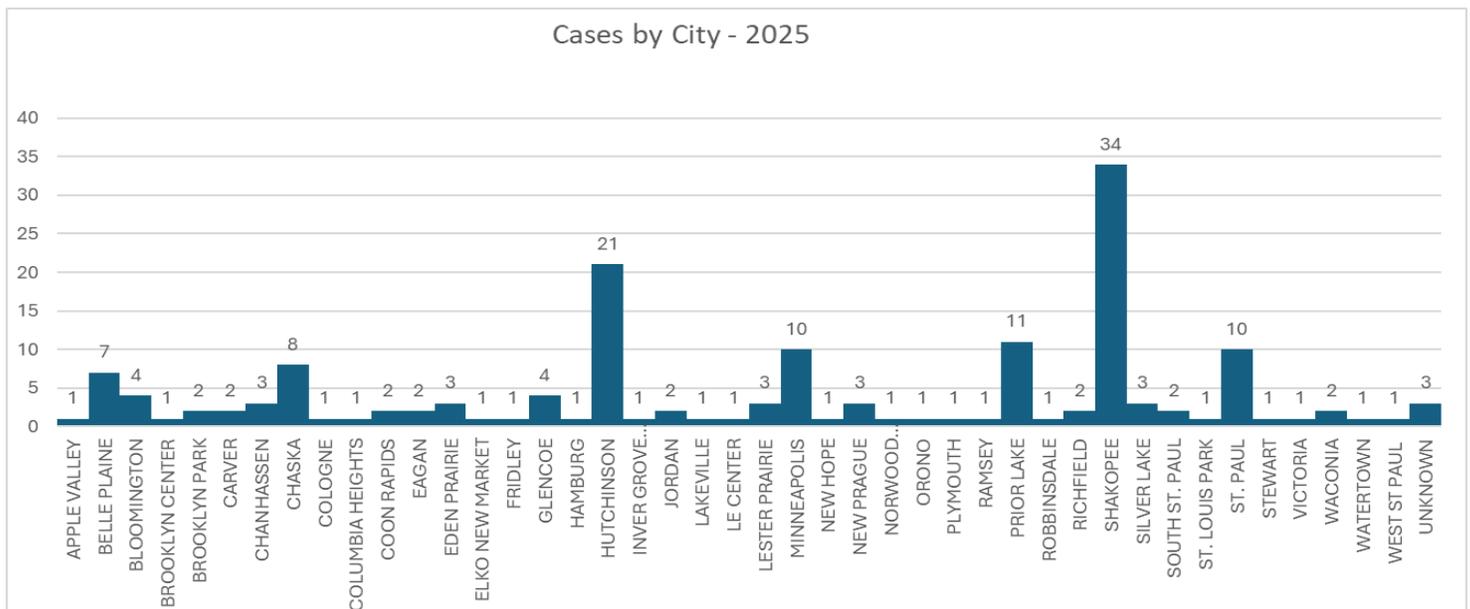
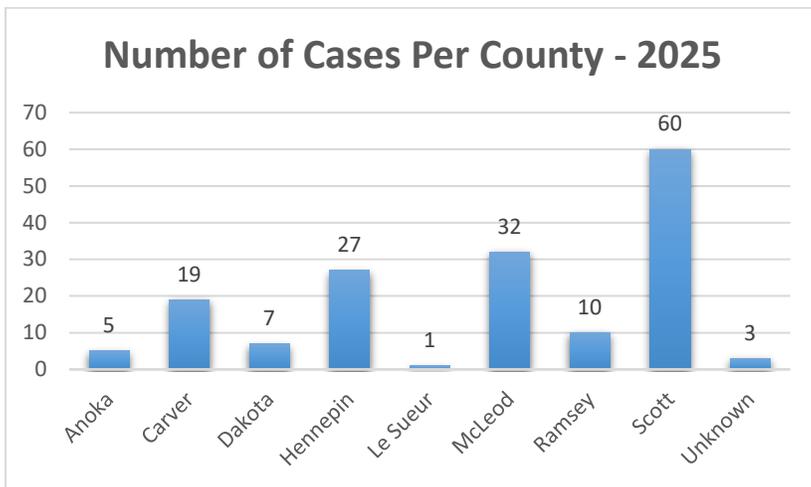
The General Investigator position assists the patrol staff with more complex investigations. The General Investigator also works with social services and specializes in working with vulnerable adult cases.

The Evidence Technician position maintains the collection of all the evidence and property entered into the evidence/property room by the officers. This position also sends evidence to the MN BCA for lab testing for DUI's, drugs, and fingerprinting. The Evidence Technician also properly stores and preserves all evidence for future investigations and past investigations.



Southwest Metro Drug Task Force Officer (SWMDTF)

The Drug Task Force position is with the Southwest Metro Drug Task Force. This position works with other counties and cities in drug related incidences to get as many illicit drugs and guns off the street as possible.



School Resource Officer

The Hutchinson Police Department is contracted with the Hutchinson School District for the School Resource Officer. The School Resource Officer position is a four-year rotating position within the police department. The School Resource officer works closely with the Hutchinson High School and Hutchinson Middle School staff and students.



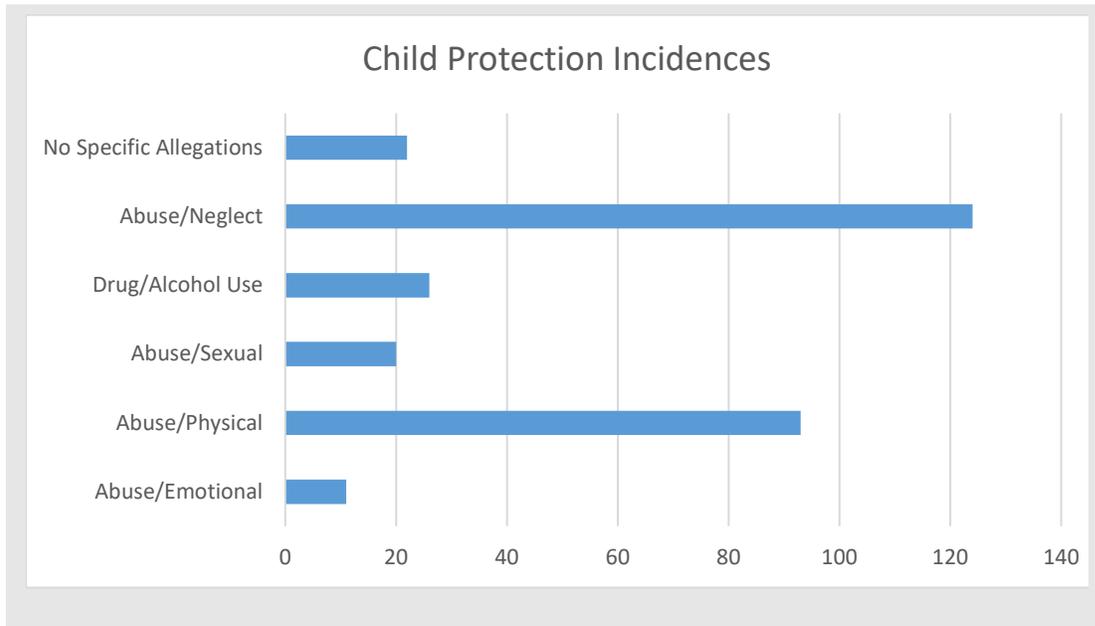
The School Resource Officer has an office within Hutchinson High School and is in the school buildings daily from 7am to 3pm. The relationship the School Resource Officer builds with the staff and students is a great asset for the Hutchinson School District and the Hutchinson Police Department.

There was a total of 280 calls for service at all the schools in the district in 2025. There were 110 incidents at the High School, 58 at the Middle School, 55 at Park Elementary, 50 at Tiger Elementary and 27 at West Elementary.



Child Protection Officer

The Child Protection Officer is a position that works closely with McLeod County Social Services on a daily basis. This is a close relationship that we have determined works best to help children and families in the City of Hutchinson. The Child Protection Officer is a five-year position in the Investigative Unit.



The Child Protection Officer also works closely with the BCA and the predatory offender compliance program. This position ensures that all the predatory offenders within the city of Hutchinson remain compliant with the BCA.



SWAT

The Hutchinson Police Department's Special Response Team (SRT) partners with the McLeod County Sheriff Department's Emergency Response Unit (ERU) to provide officers for tactical response services. The joint tactical team operates under the team name, Crow River SWAT. Officers selected to the team receive advanced training to respond to situations needing high-risk warrant services, crowd control, hostage negotiation, snipers, and critical incidents.

The Hutchinson Police Department's SRT includes highly trained officers who use specialized weapons and tactics to handle high-risk situations beyond the scope of the patrol and investigative divisions. Examples of situations for which the SWAT team would be used include high-risk arrests and warrants, barricaded and armed suspects, hostage rescue, crowd control, dignitary protection, and disaster response. The team's primary goal is to resolve situations as safely as possible for everyone involved.

Crow River SWAT has approximately ten officers from each department on the team. The team also includes a separate crisis negotiation team that works with the tactical team to safely resolve these critical incidents. Officers selected and assigned to team training one day per month on skills and equipment special to the tactical team's mission. To be selected, officers need to have been an officer for a minimum of two years, pass the physical fitness assessment, show proficiency with firearms and defensive tactics skills, and have exhibited sound emergency response skills as a patrol officer.



2025 Crow River SWAT Year End/Activity Report

Personnel:

Commander/Team Leader – Billy Kroll (MCSO)

Commander/Team Leader – Andrew Erlandson (HPD)

Team Leaders:

Sergeant B. Erlandson (HPD)

Sergeant B. Stiles (MCSO)

Sergeant D. Caturia (MCSO)

Sergeant K. Jorgenson (MCSO – 2025)

Sniper(s):

Detective A. DeMeyer (MCSO)

Investigator T. Fenrich (HPD)

Operators:

T. Schmeling (HPD)

M. Salazar (HPD)

B. Hemling (HPD)

J. Villarreal (HPD – 2025)

N. Draper (MCSO)

J. Robbin (MCSO – K9 “Archie”)

A. Santana (MCSO)

J. Fahey (MCSO)

Negotiations:

Sergeant J. Nagel (HPD) (Retired in December of 2025)

Sergeant A. Nortrom (HPD)

Sergeant S. Wawrzyniak (MCSO)

Detective M. Rolf (MCSO)

Deputy A. Malz (MCSO)

Officer T. Duenow (HPD)

Dispatch:

J. Graupmann (MCSO)

K. Hildremyr (MCSO)

S. Parpart (MCSO)

Admin and Team Supervisor(S):

Chief T. Gifferson (HPD)

Sheriff T. Langenfeld (MCSO)

Chief Deputy A. Ward (MCSO)

Lieutenant A. Ament (HPD)

J. Otto (MCSO – Dispatch Supervisor)

Support Staff:

Amanda Mayland (HPD)

Cindy Bock (HPD)

Shannon Schermann (HPD)

Sergeant J. Otto (MCSO)

Jim Almquist (McLeod County)

Callouts:

HPD ICR 25005709/MCSO ICR 25005003 – Callout for “Manhunt” in Sibley County (Vance Boelter – Suspect) Address: 20198 341st Green Isle, MN

Close Calls or Near Misses (Personnel or CRS Equipment Used):

MCSO ICR 25000021 on 01/01/2025 (ARV Assist in Carver County)

MCSO ICR 25003500 (ARV Used in Winsted for a Felony Fleeing Suspect)

MCSO ICR 25007683

December 2025 – Sibley County requested CRS for a threats investigation w/ Metro Transit

MCSO ICR 25012153 (Sibley County requested CRS for a suicidal male in Arlington, MN)

HPD ICR# 25011920 (Weapons Violation – 2nd Degree Assault)

MCSO ICR# 25010214 (Weapons Violation)

2025 Statistics for Equipment/Negotiations requested

MCSO	25000021	Assists	1/1/2025	ARV
MCSO	25003098	Training/Meeting	4/17/2025	ARV
MCSO	25003500	Traffic Stop	4/29/2025	ARV
MCSO	25004063	Training/Meeting	5/15/2025	ARV
MCSO	25004298	School Resource	5/22/2025	ARV
MCSO	25006803	Training/Meeting	7/31/2025	ARV
MCSO	25007645	Training/Meeting	8/21/2025	ARV
MCSO	25007683	Assists	8/22/2025	ARV
MCSO	25012153	Assists	12/19/2025	ARV
MCSO	25002504	Alarms	3/29/2025	UAV
MCSO	25003500	Traffic Stop	4/29/2025	UA
MCSO	25003710	Assists	5/6/2025	UAV
MCSO	25004240	Assists	5/21/2025	UAV
MCSO	25004298	School Resource	5/22/2025	UAV
MCSO	25004506	Checks	5/29/2025	UAV
MCSO	25004739	Missing Person	6/5/2025	UAV
MCSO	25005001	School Resource	6/14/2025	UAV
MCSO	25005003	Tactical Team	6/14/2025	UAV
MCSO	25005759	Assists	7/3/2025	UAV2
MCSO	25006391	Assists	7/19/2025	UAV
MCSO	25006803	Training/Meeting	7/31/2025	UAV
MCSO	25007348	Traffic Stop	8/13/2025	UAV
MCSO	25007683	Assists	8/22/2025	UAV
MCSO	25007731	Accident	8/23/2025	UAV
MCSO	25008561	Burglary	9/14/2025	UAV
MCSO	25008591	Checks	9/15/2025	UAV
MCSO	25008594	Alarms	9/15/2025	UAV
MCSO	25008599	School Resource	9/15/2025	UAV2
MCSO	25009353	Assists	10/2/2025	UAV
MCSO	25009676	School Resource	10/10/2025	UAV
MCSO	25010569	Motorist Assist	11/3/2025	UAV
MCSO	25010710	Assists	11/7/2025	UAV
MCSO	25010868	Mental Health	11/12/2025	UAV
MCSO	25012153	Assists	12/19/2025	UAV
MCSO	25012493	Assists	12/31/2025	UAV

2025 Equipment Upgrades:

(2) Mini-Drones - (MCSO)

360 Degree Camera - (MCSO)

40 MM Launcher(s) – (MCSO)

Upgraded Light System(s) for Rifles – (HPD)

Pepper Ball & Launchers – (HPD)

Sniper Rifle Upgrade – (HPD)

ARV – Upgrade equipment from J & N Tactical – (MCSO)

Rifle Suppressors – (MCSO)

2025 Crow River SWAT Training:

The Crow River SWAT trained 11 out of 12 months in 2025, missing the month of June due to special events/schedule conflicts.

The synopsis of each month of trainings can be included if requested. Highlights from 2025 Training is as follows:

- Annandale Shootouse (Stress Inoculation Training)
- “Full” Callout training in Sibley County
- Vacant property on North High Drive used several times
- Gopher Campfire was used (2) times in 2025 including a low-light training in October

Officer T. Fenrich attended the SOTA Conference in St. Cloud, MN and was elected to the Board.

Included in individual training as well, Officer B. Hemling attended TEMS (Tactical Medic) School hosted at Camp Ripley.

2025 Individual Training:

Team Leader Development (NTOA - Sgt. A. Erlandson)

Active Shooter Instructor (NTOA – Officer T. Fenrich & Deputy N. Draper)

Pepper-Ball Instructor (Pepper-Ball – Sgt. B. Erlandson & Officer M. Salazar)

2025 SOTA Conference (Officer M. Salazar, Officer T. Schmeling, Deputy Robbin, Deputy Santana, Deputy Malz, Investigator Rolf, and Sgt. Kroll)

NSSF Shot – Show – (Las Vegas, NV – Sgt. Wawrzyniak and Deputy Draper)

Rifle Instructor – (Sgt. Wawrzyniak, Deputy DeMeyer, and Deputy Draper)

Less Lethal Munitions – (Deputy Fahey)

MN Crisis Intervention Training – (Sgt. A. Erlandson, Sgt. B. Erlandson, Officer B. Hemling, Officer M. Salazar, Officer T. Fenrich, Officer T. Schmeling, Officer J. Villarreal, Deputy Robbin, Deputy Fahey, and Sgt. D. Caturia)

TEMS (Tactical Medic) – (Officer B. Hemling)

Records Units

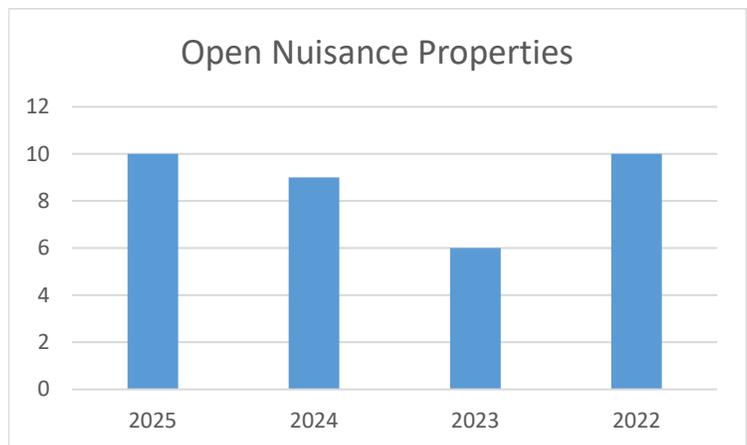
The records units for the Hutchinson Police Department consists of four full-time employees. The records unit has a variety of tasks and assists the Chief, Lieutenant, Investigations, and patrol officers with daily duties. The records unit answers phone calls from the public and assists the citizens who come into the lobby of the police department. Citizens come into the lobby for a wide variety of reasons, but most common are records requests, animal licenses, and fingerprinting.

Public Records Request	753
Permit to Purchase/Conceal Carry Background Requests from Other Agencies	420
Other Agency Background Requests (Social Services, Probation, Housing and Redevelopment Authority)	172

The records unit is an intricate and vital part of the police department. They ensure reports are processed properly and sent to the City of Hutchinson and McLeod County Attorneys for charges on offenders. They handle the dissemination of officer’s reports to social services, probation, and citizens who request data. They also complete public data requests, permit to purchase handgun applications, monthly statistical data reports to the State of MN, the billing for the police department, the annual police report, and ensure everyone in the police department is current on their required training through the BCA.

Code Enforcement – Nuisance Property

The Hutchinson Police Department has a Code Enforcement Officer who is assigned to all the nuisance properties in the City of Hutchinson. The Code Enforcement Officer is a three-year rotating position. This position maintains the files and speaks to the property owners to try and get the properties in compliance with City of Hutchinson Ordinances. The Code Enforcement Officer also does random checks on these properties to try and determine if work is being performed to get these properties in compliance. If the properties are brought into compliance, the officer will close out the report. If the properties are not brought into compliance within the agreed amount of time, the Code Enforcement Officer then issues a citation or sends a report to the City of Hutchinson Attorney requesting charges against the owner.



Axon Body Cameras/Fleet

The Hutchinson Police Department implemented Axon body cameras in 2016 with a donation from a local area business. This was a great push in getting AXON body cameras for every officer in the department. Hutchinson Police Department policy states that officers must have their body cameras recording during any interaction they are dispatched to or come upon.



	Total Uploads
Number of Videos	16562.0
Hours of Videos	3374.7347305555554
GB of Videos	6206.527914476581

	Active AXON Evidence
Number of Active Videos	8633.0
Hours of Active Videos	2109.911088888889
GB of Active Videos	3870.5118565317243

	Average Per Day
Number of Videos Uploaded	45.37534246575343
Hours of Video Uploaded	9.245848576864535
GB of Video Uploaded	17.004186067059127

Categories	Files	GB	% Files	% GB
Report	14833	3478.347663	72.81429483	70.69818352
Traffic Stops	3714	893.3535912	18.23180011	18.1576088
No Action Take	1442	442.0672326	7.078690295	8.985114017
Permanent Retention (Admin Use Only)	248	32.30331513	1.217416916	0.656572006
Accidental Recording	69	34.09566111	0.338716803	0.693001833
Uncategorized	56	36.49537424	0.274900594	0.741776532
Training	5	1.39774049	0.024544696	0.028409384
Administrative (Supervisor Only)	2	1.46776437	0.009817878	2.983263474
Critical Incident	2	1.935211856	0.009817878	0.039333608

Citizens Police Academy

The original concept of the Citizen Police Academy (CPA) came from Great Britain, where the United Kingdom (UK) Constabulary designed a program to give citizens an overview of British law enforcement operations. Known as “police night school” when it began in 1977, the program was an immediate success.

The Hutchinson Citizen Police Academy (CPA) is a community-oriented policing program that is conducted once a year in order to accomplish three goals:

- To allow citizens of Hutchinson to meet the men and women who serve them.
- To educate in the “how’s and why’s” of law enforcement.
- To provide Hutchinson Police Officers the opportunity to meet and hear from the citizens they serve.

The Hutchinson Citizen’s Police Academy is ten weeks long and ran from January 2025 through February 2025. CPA Participants are given a realistic view of the Hutchinson Police Department. A wide variety of topics are discussed: department history, organizational structure, police officer selection and training, communications/records, tools and equipment, officer survival, patrol procedures, DUI and traffic enforcement, use of force or deadly force, arrest procedures, handling of traffic accidents and criminal investigations, gangs, pursuit driving, chaplain program, crime prevention, critical incidents, youth issues and liaisons, reserves/volunteer services, and a myriad of other law enforcement subjects. In addition, opportunities to tour the police department and ride along with a police officer are provided to CPA students.

